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The hurtful power of words

By MICHAEL PASAOA
Staff Writer

“Bitch.” “Faggot.” “Nigger.” “Wet-back.” “F.O.B.” All of these were at the heart of open discussion among the crowd of around 40 in the “Words That Hurt” event Wednesday in the Almaden room in the Student Union.

“If my brother calls his girlfriend his bitch, she’s like, ‘Aww,’” one student said.

Christopher Riney, an adversity advocate intern for the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center and senior public relations major, came up with the idea for the event.

Students were asked to come up with a list about what they felt about the word “bitch.” While “animal,” “dehumanizing” and “weakness” appeared, others added the likes of “independent.”

Some were shocked to find that “bitch” is in the Oxford dictionary, which defines it as “a woman whom one considers to be malicious or unpleasant.”

The word “bitch” focuses on that it’s bad to be female, said Josie Vasquez, a senior sociology major.

“On a college campus you think people would be more aware,” Riney said. “But a lot aren’t.”

Riney chose to host “Words That Hurt” because people go through their day using words in a certain tone that they think makes it acceptable, he said.

“You hear it all the time in class,” Riney said. “Like ‘that’s so gay,’ and they don’t know if the person they’re talking to is gay. It might keep that person closeted.”

“I laughed at (the movie) ‘Superbad’ all the time,” Noelle Cleveland, City Year employee said in reference to the character Seth calling his friend Fogell a “faggie.”

“I think the word itself is funny,” she said.

Riney said that sometimes adults

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Author ZZ Packer read excerpts from her book, “Drinking Coffee Elsewhere,” in front of SJSU students and alumni Wednesday night in the Music building Concert Hall.

Homegrown coffee talk

Professor discusses new book, SJSU reading selection

By CASEY JAY
Staff Writer

Author and San Jose State professor ZZ Packer spoke to more than 100 people in SJSU’s Music building Concert Hall on Wednesday night.

She began the evening with a reading from her first book, “Drinking Coffee Elsewhere,” which was this year’s SJSU campus book selection given to all incoming freshmen at orientation.

Packer is currently serving as SJSU’s ninth Lurie Distinguished Professor, an honor from a program established by Connie and Robert Lurie. The College of Education is named after Connie Lurie, a 1964 SJSU graduate.

Kelly Harrison, co-director of the Center for Literary Arts, said giving special lectures is one of the responsibilities of Lurie professors, along with their teaching duties.

Harrison also announced to the audience that Packer was recently awarded the title of America’s Best

Young Novelist by Granta, a literary magazine published in the United Kingdom.

Packer said she was in awe of the SJSU community.

“It’s great to be in a place where you can admire the students, and not just hob knob with faculty,” she said.

Packer is currently teaching English 177, Twentieth Century Fiction, and English 241, a graduate fiction writing workshop.

“I think a lot of students are here because she’s teaching here this semester,” said Ana Trujillo, a senior English major. “I wish I was taking her class,” she said.

Teri Carter, a graduate student in fine arts, is in Packer’s fiction writing class.

“She’s engaged, and she listens,” Carter said, “and she has a big personality.”

Attendees of the event included SJSU students, alumni and supporters of Packer’s writing.

“What makes her a unique writer

is compassion — she really brings it out,” said Ryan Campbell, a 2005 graduate of SJSU.

“I was really moved,” Campbell said about reading “Drinking Coffee Elsewhere.”

Some students were required to attend Packer’s reading for class.

“I have to go to two literary events, and I thought this one would be interesting,” said Alex Stephenson, a junior English major. Stephenson added that he found Packer’s book “captivating.”

Packer held a Q-and-A format session and then read a brief excerpt from her current novel-in-progress, titled “The Thousands.”

“It’s very hard for me to read something that’s not yet finished,” Packer said before she began.

After the talk, Packer signed copies of “Drinking Coffee Elsewhere,” which were sold at the door for \$10.

Packer will be speaking at Mount Pleasant High School in San Jose on March 5. The event will be open to the public.

Laptop-use policies vary by class

By KIMBERLY TSAO
Staff Writer

While there is no campus policy that restricts laptop-use during class, some instructors prohibit students from using laptops in class for outside purposes. Since that can be difficult to monitor, other faculty members ban laptop-use altogether.

“I have one evening class, and I’ve already had to tell them to stop,” said Cathleen Miller, professor of English. “It’s unfortunate because I know it’s an efficient way for people to take notes, but it’s also really distracting when people are doing that. I feel it’s rude.”

“In the future, it’s going to be on my syllabus,” she said.

Ninh Pham-Hi, SJSU information security officer, said the California State University chancellor’s office is in the process of drafting a policy related to computer information security. He said this will concern high-level CSU-wide issues, not about specific or “lower-level” classroom situations.

One of the policy requirements might be that laptops connecting to the campus network will need to have, at the least, updated anti-virus protection, Pham-Hi said. Otherwise, students are not allowed to access all functions of the network, including confidential information such as grades or financial data, Pham-Hi said.

As with other issues, the chancellor’s office will offer the pending policies either as a rec-

ommendation or as a mandate via executive order, which would require SJSU and other CSU campuses to comply. Pham-Hi said that at this stage in the process, the office is still working on the second draft.

Given that restricted laptop-use isn’t an SJSU policy yet, some instructors have written it in as a classroom guideline in their syllabuses.

“I think it’s pointless,” said Kimberly Knoll, a junior animation illustration major. “People are going to do it anyway, and there’s no way to check. I think if they want to prohibit that then they need to specifically say, ‘Laptop lids down.’ One of my teachers used to say that when she gave her lectures.”

Still, many students use their laptops in class for other things.

“Sometimes when the professor is really, really boring or going off in a tangent, I may check my e-mail,” said Andrae Macapinlac, a junior political science major.

“I said ‘may,’ though.”

Milan Balinton, a junior communications studies major, said he agrees.


“Being a college student, we also have jobs and important lives, and I’m

also involved in the community on campus and try to multitask per se,” he said

Some said they are more accepting of the rule.

“The professor is the one who really teach the class, so he has the right to give out his own policy,” said William Nguyen, a senior ac-

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Month celebrated by black student groups

By DINA BASLAN
Staff Writer

Kim Young, vice president of the Black Student Union, said she looks forward to Black History Month each year and manages events that allow students in the union to be active on campus.

Here on SJSU’s campus, organizations such as the Black Student Union and Alpha Phi Alpha have been active in spreading notions of unity, understanding and positive communication, Young said.

“We collaborate with others,” Young said. “Celebrating black history in the month of February, to bring recognition to it at one time when everybody is paying attention.”

At the beginning of the month, members of the union scattered around campus handing out pamphlets about Barack Obama before the California primary started.

“We believe that he’s a good candidate,” said Barbara Powell, presi-

dent of the Black Student Union. “He represents our community in a great way, and we wanted people to know more about him when they voted.”

A panel discussion was held in conjunction with Alpha Phi Alpha on Tuesday. The conversation among members revolved around being accountable to individual actions within the community. The panel mainly tackled issues directed at the use of the “n” word.

The union passed out “abolish the ‘n’ word cards,” cards that contain information about the term “nigger,” its definition and connotations that are tied to it. The idea behind the card was developed when students thought of a way to spread the word without asking others to get out of their comfort zones and talk about it.

“Basically, the purpose is just to

educate and make people think,” Powell said. “You say things and do things you don’t think about sometimes.”

The union is currently working with the Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers, the Nigerian Student Association and the National Pan-Hellenic Council on being part of the Tunnel of Oppression event scheduled for April — the first time in two years.

It is a three-day event that involves students and professors setting up rooms that contain information about different groups in the community. The message is depicted in a number of different ways, depending on the choice of the group, using movies, paint murals or even pictures.

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counting major. "You don't like it? Take another course."

For others, the laptop rule isn't a problem.

"I don't use it in class. The Internet's much slower," said Grace Ye, a senior international business major.

Several instructors, such as those who teach BUS120 classes, actually require laptop use, but even that has its disadvantage.

"We take our exams on our computer in the business labs, and someone was Googling answers," said Neda Haghighat, a senior accounting information systems major.

"The teacher did say something, but now, she has this program," she said. "So while we're taking the exams, she can actually see all our desktops."

Assistant professor of history Glen Gendzel said he tries a more creative approach to limit laptop-use in his classes. He allows students to use only handwritten notes come exam time, he said.

If students violate an instructor's policy, they may be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development, which goes by the CSU Student Code of Conduct. The office's punishments range from writing a reflective paper to restitution to expulsion.

For confidential reasons, Anthony Arrington, administrative assistant in the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development, said he couldn't confirm which punishments apply to which violations. Nor could he confirm if there have been any cases regarding laptop-use or which codes students have broken.

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Noon to 1 p.m. at Student Union, Pacifica room
Contact: Mary Lewis, mlewis@union.sjsu.edu

Live Music: Chamber Music Student Showcase

Vocal studio of Alison Collins and guitar studio of Patrick Francis.
12:30 to 1:15 p.m. at Music building Concert Hall
Contact: Joan Stubbe, 924-4649, jstubbe@email.sjsu.edu

Workshop: Raising Your GPA

Do you want to learn how you may improve your GPA? Then come to this workshop, and we will provide you with some of the insider tips.
1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Administration building room 269
Contact: Deanna Peck, 924-5910, georgette.gale@sjsu.edu

Counseling Services' LGBTQI Support Group

A supportive, empowering, confidential environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and intersex SJSU students to share, discuss and explore their personal experiences.
2 to 3:20 p.m.
Contact: Sybille Ulrike or Kate Marino, 924-5910

Counseling Services' Women's Growth Group

Learn skills to build and deepen various relationships, explore ways to increase your self-esteem with gender roles, expectations and body image struggles.
3 to 4:20 p.m. at Administration building room 201
Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, 3 to 4:20 p.m., Administration building room 201
Contact: Ellen Lin or Ashley Tate De Lara, 924-5910, georgette.gale@sjsu.edu

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Helpful hints on preventing identity theft. Facilitator:

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Duane Webb, vice president and regional sales manager, USE Credit Union.

4 to 5 p.m. at Costanoan room

Contact: Mary Lewis, mlewis@union.sjsu.edu

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Men's Group: Deal Me In!

A supportive group for men to discuss relationship issues, family and gender expectations, and other male concerns while playing a friendly game of cards.
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Find it difficult to manage various emotions? Do your emotions seem to control you? Learn to reduce the negative impact of emotions, develop peace, and contain your mood swings.
Noon to 1:20 p.m. at Administration building room 201
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Sleep Workshop

Difficulty sleeping? Wondering about how much sleep we really need? Want to know how to maximize your sleep time? Curious about the research on sleep? In need of some sleep tips? Available only for students.
2 to 3:30 p.m. at Administration building room 269
Contact: Carolyn Rittenbach, Jennifer Naumann or Ashley Tate De Lara, 924-5910, georgette.gale@sjsu.edu

Social Growth Group: The "In" Crowd

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BSU | Council held games, Q&A

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Students cross the tunnel from one room to another to learn about one another's differences and experiences.

"We wanted to do it this year to educate people and let them know that the Black Student Union is doing things for the community," Powell said.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council chose to celebrate the NPHC week in February in remembrance of Black History Month. The council is an umbrella organization for nationally founded black fraternities and sororities.

President Dimitrios Chattman said the council held the National Pan-Hellenic Council week in celebration of Black History Month reflecting upon its principles.

"As a minority on campus, we're underrepresented," Chattman said. "A lot of accomplishments go unrecognized, and we took it upon ourselves to let people know that African-Americans do accomplish things daily and are continuing from past to present."

All organizations were given the

"As a minority on campus, we're underrepresented."

DIMITRIOS CHATTMAN
President of the National Pan-Hellenic Council

chance to present their founding principals and histories in an event at Campus Village Building B on Tuesday. Members brought cultural food and had a Q-and-A format session where people were educated on the process of becoming a member and the principals they were to embrace as members of the fraternity.

The week of events to end Black History Month was wrapped up with the "Reach 1 Teach 100" on Friday. Twenty children from the J.W. Fair Middle School participated in games at the acrobat center and were given a tour as they were informed about college life.

"We talked to them about minorities in college and the drop-out rates to motivate them to come to college," Chattman said.

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Make sure to check out an online video about the BSU events that took place last week.

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SJSU junior Sarah Taylor beat a throw home and scored for the Spartans during game one against Santa Clara University on Wednesday. MICHELLE HORTON / SPARTAN DAILY

Spartans tally one win in doubleheader

HEIDI ROMSWINCKEL-GUISE
Staff Writer

The SJSU softball team played for nearly four hours in a doubleheader against Santa Clara University on a sunny Wednesday afternoon. The Spartans beat the Broncos in game one 6-1 but fell short in game two, losing 2-0. SJSU scored its first run in game one in the second inning and just kept scoring from there. Sophomore Natasha Hawkins hit a single to bring home senior Sarah Smith, who had reached base on a double play. “We came out on fire and ready to play,” said junior Kelli Fangonilo. Fangonilo went 1-2 with a single and an RBI, and she stole home in the fifth inning to add to the Spartans’ score. Head coach Peter Turner said he

thought senior Roxanne Bejarano’s pitching in game one was excellent. Bejarano threw six innings and had seven strikeouts before the reigns were handed over in the seventh inning to freshman Jennifer Ames, who tallied one strikeout to finish off the Broncos. Senior second baseman Kasey Igarta said the victory was made possible by the Spartans’ ability to perform well. “We were making plays,” Igarta said. “It was all about executing and hitting the ball well.” The Spartans ended game one with eight hits and no errors. Turner said he was satisfied with the team’s performance in the first game but that he was disappointed with the outcome of the second game. Junior Deanna Mauer pitched all seven innings in game two and threw five strikeouts and walked five.

“We had too many wild pitches and too many walks,” said Turner. “This game was a carbon copy of five losses we’ve experienced this year.” Santa Clara senior pitcher Jerrica Castagno also pitched all seven innings and made it hard for the Spartans to score. Castagno had four strikeouts and two walks and allowed the Spartans to make only four hits. Igarta said she felt as if the Spartans were too quick to judge the ability of the Broncos. “We looked past Santa Clara because we beat them in game one 6-1,” said Igarta. “We probably thought the second game would be easy, but you can never turn your back on those kinds of teams.” Fangonilo added, “We were not making timely hits, and we just ran out of time.” Turner said he hoped his team

could “get it together” for the Wilson/DeMarini Invitational in Tempe, Ariz., this weekend. “The level of competition this weekend will be far superior than today,” Turner said. Fangonilo said she thought the Spartans would be able to recover from the loss and play well in the tournament. “We need to come together and forget about this one game,” Fangonilo said. “We need to play Spartan softball like we normally do.” The Spartans play their first games in the invitational Friday, Feb. 29, against Creighton University at 9 a.m. and the University of Arkansas at 1 p.m. ■ **Spartan** sophomore Lauren Flores led SJSU with three hits in Wednesday’s doubleheader.

Swimming team makes a splash at championships

By KATE TAYLOR
Staff Writer

The SJSU women’s swim team wrapped up its season last week at the Western Athletic Conference Championships in San Antonio, edging out New Mexico State University late in the meet for a fourth-place finish out of eight teams. On the third day of the meet, fifth-place SJSU trailed New Mexico State in team points 312-329, but the Spartans came back on day four to beat the Aggies 480.5-460.5. “We had a great meet overall,” said head coach Sage Hopkins. “I couldn’t be more happy or more proud of the team.” Hopkins said this meet was the closest championship in WAC history. Senior Brie Marhenke broke two school records, one in the 100-yard freestyle and the second in the 200-yard freestyle relay, with the help of juniors Lauren Mar and Tarolyn Robertson and freshman Meghan McCurley. “The seniors all finished up doing very, very well,” Hopkins said. “They showed great leadership.” Marhenke won both the 50- and

100-yard freestyle events, missing her NCAA automatic qualifying time by 0.03 seconds, and helped the 400-yard freestyle relay place fifth. Senior Jillene Golez placed fifth in the 200-yard butterfly, and senior Amanda Carr finished seventh in the mile. “I think this weekend was an amazing meet,” Golez said. “Everybody stepped up and did their part.” Golez said the support and spirit from the team during races was very motivational. “When you stepped on the block,” Golez said, “you felt like you were not only swimming for yourself but swimming for your team because they would be screaming their hearts out.” With the exception of Marhenke, who will compete in the Pac-10 time trials Sunday, Golez, Carr and seniors Nikki Chapman and Sara Riley swam in San Antonio for their last times as Spartans. “It was such a bittersweet meet because it was the last one,” Golez said, “but it was my favorite meet I’ve ever gone to.”

**All statistics were taken from the SJSU Athletics Web site.*

SJSU AD removes name from LSU list

STAFF REPORT

SJSU Athletic Director Tom Bowen officially withdrew his name from a list of six candidates for the position of athletic director at Louisiana State University, according to a news release on SJSU Athletics Web site. Bowen was quoted in the news release as saying “while honored to be among the candidates,” he has been “humbled by the words of encouragement and support”

from students and faculty associated with the SJSU athletic department. LSU narrowed its list of possible hires Saturday from 16 to six, with Bowen’s name among the finalists. Lawrence Fan, SJSU sports information director, guided all questions concerning Bowen to the university athletics Web site. Bowen has served as SJSU’s athletic director since 2004.

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WORDS|‘Maybe I think it’s OK because I’m talking about my own people,’ student says

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believe other adults should tolerate the words. But not everyone takes words the same way, he said.

Although many agreed that all of the words are wrong, some terms are less “acceptable.” Toward the end of the event, Riney showed a picture of a yellow duck calling a group of black ducks “niggers.”

Rebecca Bravel, a graduate education major, said, “When you hear that word, everyone gets uncomfortable. No one said it out loud, but we’re comfortable saying ‘faggot,’ ‘bitch,’ ‘F.O.B.’ and ‘wetback’ out loud. They say the one with the ‘a’ in the end.”

“F.O.B.,” which stands for “fresh off the boat” was also a hot-button topic. Riney said he heard that it now stands for “fresh off the Boeing.”

“My father has this really thick accent, and when we asked him about F.O.B, he said he felt that people saw him as uneducated, inferior and not welcomed,” said Latu Tapaatoutai, a junior history major.

“Wetback,” as defined by Riney, is “a Mexican living in the U.S., especially one who is an illegal immigrant.”

Carina Orozco, a junior marketing major, said a child she looked after said he was proud that he was a wet-back because he came from overseas. She said she didn’t know how to re-

spond to that.

“A lot of these people have tried to turn them positive, but it’s impossible with all the negative history,” one student said.

“Maybe because it’s used within a certain culture. Maybe I think it’s OK because I’m talking about my own people,” said Molly Vasquez, a senior radio, television and film major.

“The question is: Can we reclaim these words?” Molly Vasquez asked. “I don’t think any of these words can be reclaimed.”

INSIDE the DAILY CRIME BLOTTER

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A 19-year-old man was cited and released on suspicion of possession of marijuana at 10th and San Antonio streets.

Saturday, Feb. 23, at 12:10 a.m.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

A 21-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence at 10th and Santa Clara streets.

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RAPE

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TRAFFIC

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der the influence at 10th and Santa Clara streets.

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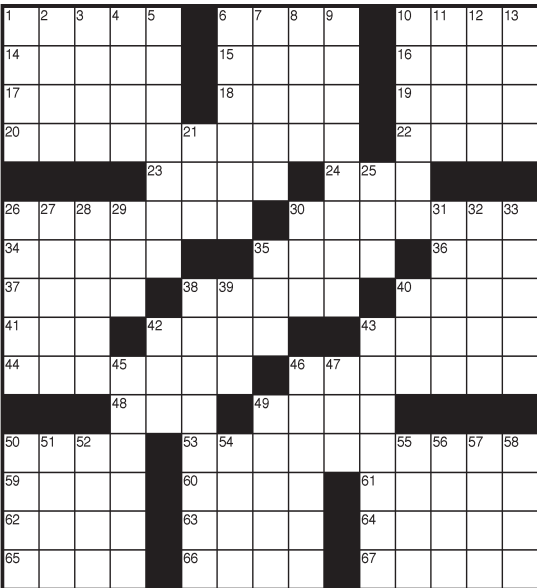
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I am a feminist but not one of 'those' feminists



COLLEEN WATSON
Staff Writer

As a freshman I was going to the cafeteria with two new friends, Brent and Jen, when the subject of women's rights came up. Brent looked at us and said, "You guys aren't feminists or anything are you?"

Jen was quick to answer back, "No, those chicks are crazy."

"I am," I said, and I felt the need to defend my position. Both of them looked at me and rolled their eyes.

Ten years later and I still feel that whenever I say that I'm a feminist, I feel like I have to explain why, to give a reason for my pro-women stance, or at least let people know that I don't get any joy from kicking puppies.

Whenever I hear a woman say she is a feminist, it is always with an added caveat. She can't just be a feminist. She has to quickly explain that she is not a "feminazi" and that she doesn't hate men.

When did this happen? When did proudly burning uncomfortable undergarments turn into lengthy explanations about how you are not one of "those" feminists, the kind who hide in bushes and randomly knee male passersby in the balls.

Or has feminism always had negative connotations in our society?

When did "feminist" become a bad word?

Feminists are still needed. When a presidential candidate is referred to by her first name while the others are mentioned by their last names, it shows there is still a gap. I don't even know Huckabee's first name.

MSNBC's Chris Matthews even called her an "uppity woman."

When that same candidate gets judged by her looks, her makeup and what she is wearing, it shows that feminism is still needed.

With the Internet comes even more misogyny. I read a news aggregate site called Fark, on which users submit news stories from around the country with better, funnier headlines. Whenever a woman is mentioned, the first thing that the forum users talk about is if she is "hittable."

After determining a woman's hittability, then the woman-bashing really starts in. Comfortable in the knowledge that their victims will never know their real name, users are quick to tell women to go back to the kitchen or that they are all psycho bitches. I admit some of the comments

can be funny. It's the quantity that is depressing.

Are these people trying to be funny, or do they really mean what they say? Or is it a little bit of both?

Sexism, along with racism, runs rampant on the Internet. The Internet tough guys and trolls are always present. If you can't say something to someone's face, then shut up.

I still don't think that women are treated the same as men in some areas. When I worked at a temporary agency, the women were given receptionist jobs, while men with the same background were sent into accounting at a higher pay.

According to a CNN Money poll, 13 women were CEOs of Fortune 500 companies in 2007. I can't name one female CEO, but off the top of my head, I can name Steve Jobs, Rupert Murdoch and Charles Schwab. Oh, but a big shout out to Linda Lange, CEO of Jack in the Box. OK, only a Fortune 1000; thanks for making us fat.

A study by Catalyst, which studies women in business, found that in the workplace women leaders who portrayed typical female stereotypes such as focusing on work relationships or expressing concern for other people's perspectives were seen as less competent leaders. Women who behaved more assertively were viewed as good leaders but unfeminine and were not well liked — a lose-lose situation.

Women are also less likely to be found in engineering or science jobs, but is that discrimination or choice? The National Science Institute found that in the fourth grade, as many girls as boys were interested in math and science. By the eighth grade, twice as many boys than girls were interested in math and science. The study showed that stereotypical images of scientists as men — or as severe, unhappy women — can turn girls off to the sciences. The same research found that teachers tended to teach boys and girls differently, explaining experiments to boys but doing the experiments for the girls.

At SJSU, there are more women than men on campus, but if you head over to the engineering department, do you see that?

In the past couple of decades women have made extraordinary leaps in equality. There are more women in all facets of business, education and politics than there have ever been. But there is still more room for improvement.

There are many different feminists. They aren't raving madwomen or men haters, and they aren't always women. I don't think that everyone knows what a feminist is. A feminist is anyone who believes in equality of the sexes.

I don't cook. My favorite color is pink. I love Disney's "Sleeping Beauty" and George Romero's "Dawn of the Dead." I don't own a little black dress. I wear makeup and holey jeans.

I am a feminist.

Long live Kosovo



LIZA ATAMY
Staff Writer

In 2005, the World Summit adopted the "responsibility to protect," known by the initialism R2P, to "protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity," according to the United Nations Web site.

Chapters VI and VIII of the charter state that the international community, through the United Nations, also has the responsibility to use "appropriate diplomatic, humanitarian and other peaceful means to help protect populations from these crimes." And if crimes against humanity persist, and the state is unwilling to protect its people, it becomes imperative for the international community to intervene — with military force, if necessary.

With that said, Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008, marked one of the most important and joyous days in the lives of Albanians. The world's newest nation was born. Kosovo, a region in the Balkans, unilaterally declared independence from Serbia — and rightfully so.

Regardless of what deniers (Russia and Serbia) say, Serbia has oppressed the ethnic Albanians of Kosovo for decades, claiming that Kosovo is their ancestral heartland and wanting the lands exclusively for ethnic Serbs.

According to a New York Times article published June 3, 1999, the leader of the United Nations mission to Kosovo found "indisputable evidence" of Serbian "ethnic cleansing" of Kosovars.

In order to understand the history between Albanians and Serbians in Kosovo and why an independent Kosovo was long overdue, and is absolutely justified, let's take a few steps back in the historical timeline and outline some major factors.

Yugoslav president, Slobodan Milosevic abolished Kosovo's autonomy in the 1980s, fired tens of thousands of Albanians from their jobs, suppressed Albanian language education and

controlled their territory with heavy force, according to a Feb. 18, 2008, New York Times article.

A campaign of ethnic cleansing against Kosovo Albanians was initiated by Serbian forces. Hundreds of thousands of refugees fled to Albania, Montenegro and Macedonia. More than 2,000 ethnic Albanians were killed since Milosevic began his offensive in February 1998, trying to reinforce government control over the Albanian-majority province, according to a profile on Kosovo on the BBC News Web site.

In another BBC News article published Oct. 2, 2006, it was reported that eight former Serb policemen were accused of murdering 48 civilians during the Kosovo war and went on trial in Belgrade.

All but one of the dead were members of the same family, including 14 children, a pregnant woman and a 100-year-old, according to the article.

"Their bodies were among more than 800 discovered in a mass grave outside Belgrade in 2001," the article stated. "The massacre was one of the most notorious incidents of the Kosovo war."

A New York Times article published Jan. 17, 1999, quoted the American head of the Kosovo Verification Mission, William Walker, responding to one of the many inhumane crimes committed by Serbs, where bodies of 45 ethnic Albanians were found shot and mutilated, stating, "It looks like it was done by people who have no value for human life."

The continued persecution of Kosovan-Albanians, and failed peace talks, led to the start of NATO air strikes against targets in Kosovo and Serbia in March 1999, according to BBC News.

After 11 weeks of bombing, Milosevic was forced to withdraw his troops. The U.N. took over, and in the same year, set up a Kosovo peace implementation force, known as Kosovo Force, or KFOR, and NATO forces arrived in the province, according to the United Nations Web site.

An estimated 10,500 Kosovan-Albanians were killed in the 1998-99 conflict.

With the evidence presented and the facts painting the desolate lives of Kosovan-Albanians under years of oppression, I can only wonder why this

declaration of independence didn't occur a decade ago.

After countless investigations proving Serbia's oppression of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, how can one deny Kosovo's independence or conclude it being illegal?

Was the ethnic cleansing of more than 10,000 innocent civilians, including young children not illegal? Forget illegal, it was repugnantly immoral, to say the least.

Throughout the entire week, Serbs have retaliated and protested against Kosovo's independence in a violent, outpour of anger. Border posts and U.S. embassies were attacked and burned in Belgrade. Several other embassies of countries supporting Kosovo's independence were also attacked by Serbs, according to the New York Times and other major news agencies.

Russia's President Vladimir Putin vowed to support Serbia in rejecting Kosovo's independence. Russia and Serbia both blame the United States for "violating international law" and supporting the split of Kosovo from Serbia, the BBC reported.

Perhaps Mr. Putin should think about the ruthless crimes in Chechnya, for which he has been responsible, before arrogantly standing by Serbs. Forbidding his country's press to mention the countless violations of human rights toward the Chechens, the ominous "world leader" will fulfill his undying vengeance against anyone who utters truth. But, let me not get into that. There are plenty of analysis articles about the oppression in Chechnya on the BBC News Web site and other major news publications for further reading. While researching the conflict in Chechnya, look up journalist Anna Politkovskaya and what the Russians did to her because she spoke out against Putin.

For the ethnic Albanians who make up 95 percent of Kosovo's population, independence marks a new hope and the new beginning of a prosperous and successful life they have been incessantly fighting for and very much deserve.

As for the EU member states, which are rejecting Kosovo's independence, such as Spain, Greece, Cyprus, Slovakia and Romania, my violin plays for you.

God bless Kosovo!

San Jose: So **not** lame that it will be called the 'big watermelon' by 2045



ANGELO LANHAM
Staff Writer

For as long as I can remember, people have been bitching and moaning about how dull it is to live in San Jose, and I, for one, have had enough.

OK, so it's not the epicenter of anything particularly amusing, but it's not exactly a one-horse town with a watering hole and John's Pig Market either.

Besides that, it's the Silicon Valley. The world is following in our footsteps, and here we have our

20-somethings complaining about what? Not enough bars with tube-top floozies?

This is where I particularly have to draw the line. San Jose has plenty of spots with neon lights, plenty of pretentious lines wrapping around plenty of toolish clubs, which are guarded by plenty of beefy gorillas with tattoos on their eyelids.

San Jose has the beginnings of a skyline, and some nice smog to back it up.

So what is it places like San Francisco, New York City and Los Angeles have that San Jose doesn't?

I think I know what it is. Even though San Jose is geographically bigger and has a higher population than San Francisco, the population is spread out. The complainers want people on top of other people. This is

what makes a city interesting.

Obviously, get enough living, breathing organisms into a small space, and it will be fascinating. Right? Because there's nothing like being forced to inhale the stench of your fellow humans.

For proponents of density, just think how much you'd be bitching about a place like Alaska, where ice fishing is presumably the main form of entertainment.

There must be something invigorating about the inability to turn one's head without one's nose hitting someone else's ear, but I don't see it.

Hanging around denser, more valid places like San Francisco, I've stepped in enough urine puddles, been rammed into by enough little men in power suits and been on enough stinky trains to know that liv-

ing in a lower-concentrated big city does not make me any less elite.

What makes Los Angeles so cool anyway? People wearing sunglasses at all times of the day and night, regardless of lack of light and weather conditions? Millions of "actresses" on the brink of discovery mulling their days away waiting tables in restaurants? Rock star hopefuls practicing their worldly scowls as they bum cigarettes from guys in suits? Or perhaps the ability to drive into a mountain because the smoggy haze hid it from view until it was too late to swerve?

How about New York City? Just what is so fun about waking up from an accidental nap on the subway and wondering if you still have all the gold in your mouth? If San Jose residents suddenly donned long, black

coats and began to walk in small, hurried steps with a cell phone permanently fixed in one hand and a cigarette in the other, would we be as cool as New York City?

The Empire State Building — well, that's pretty cool. But New York's pizza has taken a big hit in recent years, due to the proliferation of such corporations as Domino's and the like. You have to be a resident to find good pizza there (and it does still exist, or so I'm told), and during my stay, my search was fruitless. And without good pizza, all the long black coats in the world won't help your city.

Ah, San Francisco. While not as actress-(waitress)-heavy as L.A., nor as "fast-moving" as NYC, S.F. is an interesting hotbed of homosexuals, homelessness, hippie leftovers and

a few last-grasp attempts at neo-'40s jazz class, with a couple of power ties walking around for good measure.

The diverse population makes every moment exciting and interesting, but is it better than San Jose? I hardly think so.

Besides, people, remember. Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither was San Francisco. It takes decades upon decades to turn beautiful vegetation into a barren skyline of infinite concrete.

Patience, my S.J. minions. Just think, in the year 2045, when your grandkids are tooling it up with the jiving nightlife of San Jose, which will be called "the city," or nicknamed "the big watermelon," you will have the ubercool ability to bitch and moan to them about the old days, "when this was all fields."

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GOT BEEF?

Two writers go on a quest for the best burgers in town

By **ANGELO LANHAM**
Staff Writer

Few things are more distinctly American than the cheeseburger. Cheeseburgers are a staple of American cuisine and pop culture. Just a mention of the word “cheeseburger” whisks a person off to the land of Richie and Fonzie, when times were simpler.

Cheeseburgers give Americans their trademark shape (round) and can be found on nearly every urbanized block in one form or another.

So it must be noted that nothing is quite as tragic as a bad cheeseburger. Don't have a bad burger, and certainly don't go to McDonald's. Peruse these other local San Jose options.

PEGGIE SUE'S
29 N. San Pedro St.

•\$3.69, fries not included

This is an interesting burger joint. Without trying too hard, it lives up to the '50s nostalgia of its name. There's no chrome madness, but it has a good number of posters, depicting movie and other pop-culture figures of the era are present, including one from some lost Jerry Lewis movie, which apparently had an outer space motif.

As for the cheeseburger, it was pleasantly juicy, with an impressive radius that slightly pushed past the limits of the bun. The patty's girth didn't quite live up to the precedent set by its radius, but in the heat of battle, one would hardly notice.

It was well-cheesed, with what tasted like American, surrounded by a powdery bun, which was a nice

touch I thought.

The cheese was laid on thick enough to congeal nicely after a few moments of sitting, which is just delectable.

The fries were standard, but scrumptious. They didn't come with the price of the burger.

MOJOBURGER
6041 Snell Ave.

•\$4.59, fries not included

The atmosphere at the Mojo, on Snell and Santa Teresa, is relaxed and “surf-like,” with a real honest-to-god surfboard plastered on one wall and a television constantly pumping out skateboarding, surfing and snowboarding videos.

There's another TV in front of a small red plastic bench featuring cartoons, but I couldn't fit on the bench and had to grab a spot and watch the



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Hungry? Try this three-ounce burger from Grande, located on San Carlos Street, for \$6.25.

surfing happen.

For a burger joint that won't accommodate more than 30 during a fire without losing half the population during the escape, this was a huge burger. The Mojo with Cheese is a third of a pound patty that comes with all of the fixings already on the burger, so everything is melted together pleasantly.

It's hard to tell where the cheese

ends and the mayo begins, and to be honest, I don't want to know.

The girth was impressive, matching perfectly to the radius, and it was cooked very nicely. They don't ask you how you want it, but it turned out cooked with no pinkness, with a good amount of remaining tenderness.

Fries here are cooked with some of the skin still on the potatoes and well-seasoned, too. Mmmm.

GRANDE

150 E. San Carlos St.

•\$6.25, fries included

I didn't even know this quasi-Italian place had burgers, but I was able to purchase, right from the middle of the menu, a wallop of a three-ouncer.

The burger was sufficiently juicy without running into the dreaded realm of “runny.” The girth and radius matched better than Mojo's or Peggy's, but something about the overall flavor of the patty almost made me want to switch over to a Peggy Sue's burger, even with its inferior radial-to-patty girth.

It was, nonetheless, a rewarding burger, served on a giant and fluffy sesame seed bun that was large enough to almost overtake the giant patty.

The fries, which came with it, were tastefully executed, running a nice compromise between juicy and crispy.

THE LOWDOWN

If someone pointed a gun to my head and forced me to choose one burger of the three I've eaten over the last week, I'd have to say Peggy Sue's. The thin patty seems kind of endearing after a while, and who can beat Jerry Lewis in space?

'But the best bang for your buck was from Peanuts'

By **COLLEEN WATSON**
Staff Writer

The quest for the perfect cheeseburger has been around as long as man. When humans first killed the cow, ground it up, barbecued it, added cheese and topped it with lettuce, tomatoes, mayonnaise and mustard, little did they know the brouhaha that would ensue.

During my journeys across this great land of San Jose, I have come across many cheeseburgers: some small, some large and most from fast-food franchises.

To find the best burger in San Jose the criteria are that the place must be within walking distance to campus and it must be a cheeseburger.

PEANUTS

275 E. San Fernando St.

Peanuts is often packed with students. They offer a cheeseburger for \$3.95, which comes with fries. The patty was a good size, and the bun was nothing special. The produce it came with was slightly questionable, since the lettuce had only a tinge of green and the tomato was a little on the mushy side.

There was some extra grizzle on the cheeseburger, at no charge, which I brushed off before trying it. The cheese was American, and it was nicely melted on top of the patty. The patty itself was a little on the dry side, so it wasn't the best tasting burger, but I didn't have any problem finishing it. At less than \$4 with fries, this cheeseburger gives you a

good bang for your buck. Overall, I wouldn't recommend going to Peanuts specifically to get a cheeseburger, but if you are headed to Peanuts anyways and want one, it's not a bad choice.

JOHNNY ROCKETS
150 S. First St.

Johnny Rockets was the next cheeseburger-review destination. It was very crowded and was done up as a '50s diner with appropriate era music playing in the background. At \$6.98 with no fries, this cheeseburger was much more expensive. Of course, the patty was larger — about 5 ½ ounces — and the bun was toasted. The cheeseburger came with lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, relish, mayonnaise and mustard. The lettuce was shredded but crunchy and green, and the tomatoes were juicy.

The burger itself was tasty. It was firm but not overcooked, and the cheese was completely melted on the patty. Overall the price for the cheeseburger was too expensive. The bang-to-buck ratio was too low to recommend this cheeseburger.

GORDON BIERSCH
33 E. San Fernando St.

The last cheeseburger was from Gordon Biersch, found on This cheeseburger was huge. With 10 ounces of beef covered by melted cheddar cheese and a pile of garlic fries on the side, the cost was \$9.75. The cheeseburger was cooked to order and came on a thick challah bun,

a slightly sweet bread made from an egg-enriched yeast dough. The tomatoes were red and firm, and the lettuce was shredded and green.

This cheeseburger was tasty and juicy, and I wasn't able to finish it. It was almost twice the size of Johnny Rockets' cheeseburger and completely dwarfed the Peanuts' entry.



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Got an appetite for a big-mouth burger? Try a 10-ouncer with cheese at Gordon Biersch, located on San Fernando Street, for \$9.75.

If you are looking for a gourmet burger, this gives you a good bang for your buck at about a dollar an ounce.

Of the three, I would say, by far, the best cheeseburger was from Gordon Biersch. But the best bang for your buck was from Peanuts; beer definitely helped with this one. Johnny Rockets was nothing special and too expensive.

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